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### **Jim Epolito Raves About Canton, Plymouth And The 7<sup>th</sup> Senate District**

Senator Patterson sponsored the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Fund Forum this past Monday at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Jim Epolito, Director and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) was the guest speaker. Mr. Epolito stated, "I'm so encouraged by the leadership in the 7<sup>th</sup> Senate District, especially Senator Patterson's willingness to bring everyone together to achieve such great things here. The Summit on the Park is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when citizens come together to achieve the goal of making their community a better place to live. That is the type of thing we are trying to accomplish with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Fund."

Attending the forum sponsored by Senator Patterson were Representative Phil LaJoy, 21<sup>st</sup> House District, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Todd LaJoy, Canton Trustee and Natalie Rose representing U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. Also in the audience were entrepreneurs and representative of local colleges and universities.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Fund Forum provided information about the MEDC and their involvement in making Michigan a more attractive place to do business. It was explained that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Fund is designed to spark new investment, creating an enhanced environment for high-technology companies emerge and spurring jobs that will diversify our economy. For more information go to [www.michigan.org](http://www.michigan.org)

Three companies in Plymouth are finalists in the first round of grants offered by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Fund. They are Fraunhofer USA, AVL – North America, Inc. and Industrial Technology Institute. Mr. Epolito stressed that it is important for a community to retain businesses for Michigan economy to grow and the assist in retaining employees.

Senator Patterson said that he was encouraged by the wealth of knowledge and initiative of the people in attendance. "Michigan is at a crossroad and with the help of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Fund and the backing of the Legislature, Michigan can be transformed!", said Senator Patterson.

## **Economic Boost for Plymouth Township**

### **AVL Powertrain receives assistance to expand**

Once again, Jim Epolito, CEO of Michigan Economic Development Corp.(MEDC), is making news in the 7<sup>th</sup> Senate District. He promised good news for the local economy when he appeared at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs Fund Forum hosted by Senator Patterson recently. He delivered on his promise when he announced that AVL Powertrain Engineering Inc. (PEI) of Plymouth Township will receive a small business tax credit of over \$3.5 million. With this tax credit PMI will expand their engineering technical center in Plymouth Township and add 125 high-tech jobs over the next five years.

Senator Patterson said, “Again, this goes to show what we can accomplish for our hometowns and Michigan economy when we all work together. Good things are happening right here in our own backyards with the help of the Michigan Legislature, the MEDC and Plymouth Township.” Senator Patterson emphasized that we are heading in the right direction by increasing high-tech employment which is the future of Michigan’s economic turnaround.

PEI was considering out of state and international locations for their expansion. With the High Technology Employment Tax Credit PEI received from the MEDC, they decided to stay in Plymouth Township.

## **Tips To Beat The Heat**

The American Red Cross offers these safety tips for the extreme temperatures:

- Slow down* by avoiding strenuous activity or doing less of it.
- Stay inside as much as possible.* If air conditioning is unavailable, go to the lowest floor of the house, out of the sunshine.
- Take regular breaks* when engaged in physical activities on warm days.
- Dress for the heat.* Wear light-weight, light-colored clothing.
- Drink water* as much as possible.
- Eat smaller meals* and eat often, avoiding foods high in protein.
- Avoid using salt tablets* unless directed by a physician

Over this past week, Senator Patterson/Senator Patterson’s staff provided water and lemonade to the senior citizens at local senior centers.

## **Spotlight on Local Events**

Join hungry patrons as they make their way through some of the best restaurants in the Northville area Visit [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org) to learn more!

Trenton is hosting its annual Roar on the River. Visit <http://www.trentonroarontheriver.com/> to learn more.

If you would like to spotlight your upcoming local event, simply reply to this email.

## **Upcoming Office Hours**

All Office Hours Run From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, August 22nd  
Mochavation Cafe  
68537 Macomb Street  
Grosse Ile

Tuesday, Sept 12th  
Plymouth Library  
223 S. Main Street  
Plymouth

Monday, Sept 25th  
Flat Rock Library  
25200 Gibraltar Rd  
Flat Rock

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